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In re: Gehring et al.

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For: **DRIVER-ACCESSIBLE STORAGE COMPARTMENTS FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES**

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Action (the "Action") mailed September 20, 2004. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.